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Silence marks job centre cuts

by Anna Asimakopulos

The Federal government is planning 30 per cent budget cutbacks to all campus employment centres in Québec and the complete shutdown of the centre at McGill's Macdonald College. The cuts are to take effect in April, 1986.

The projected cutbacks, ordered by Deputy Prime Minister Erik Nielsen, and being executed by Employment Minister Flora MacDonald, were planned without consulting any of Québec's student groups.

Québec universities and university associations have sent letters of protest to MacDonald and Nielsen, but none of them have been answered.

As well, RAEU (Regroupement des associations étudiantes universitaires du Québec) has repeatedly requested meetings with MacDonald to discuss alternatives. RAEU claims that if the government continues to ignore them, they will "get nasty."

"We will start applying pressure by constantly phoning her (MacDonald) and sending post cards," said Michel Le Comte of RAEU.

After several weeks of debating their course of action, RAEU has issued a proposal which they feel will counter the effects of the budget cuts.

Instead of fighting the budget cuts, RAEU is proposing a complete restructuring of the campus employment centres.

The centres, including the one at McGill, are currently autonomous from the universities where they are located. The universities grant them space, but have no influence on their operation.

RAEU proposes putting the centres under the jurisdiction of students' services so that students will be directly involved in running them.

"We are asking that the administration (of the employment centres) be given to students, this will cost the government less and that way we would feel the cuts less — if they still insist on doing them," said Le Comte.

Luc Joli-Coeur, McGill Students' Society VP External, has already written a letter to Erik Nielsen, but has yet to receive a reply. He is waiting to see what RAEU will do.

"RAEU will have a meeting and if they run a provincial campaign on this issue, we (McGill) will join them. If not, we'll have a campaign on the McGill campus," Joli-Coeur said.

Arnold Cohen of Progressive Conservative McGill was asked to contact MacDonald's office and report to a McGill External Affairs Committee meeting last

Friday in order to explain the government rationale for these cuts.

Cohen said that "the government feels that students have to take more initiative to look for jobs themselves. Students must learn how to help themselves some more. The centre is there

for students who can't find jobs themselves."

Cohen subsequently told the *Daily* that to attribute his statement to the government would be a misrepresentation. But four of the committee members present failed to see why.

Many students, including those most vocal about the issue, agree that the campus employment centres are relatively inefficient in their present form. They also feel, however, that cutting funding to the centres is not an effective way to improve them.



Members of the Conseil des Syndicats Nationaux again picketed McGill's Royal Victoria Hospital Tuesday during their lunch break. The employees are protesting the firing of 23 employees which they feel will result in a decrease in the quality of service at RVH. Story page 3.

Sandinista cartoonist visits McGill

by Mike Gordon

Roger Sanchez, cartoonist for Sandinista daily *Barricada*, spoke at McGill to an audience of approximately 20 people last Tuesday.

Sanchez began his talk by

clarifying his own position as a journalist. He said he has access to information both as a cartoonist and as a militant on the revolutionary front.

Regarding the overall role of the press in Nicaragua, Sanchez said he, and many others, see

the press as an ideological weapon that combats both the contras (U.S. backed mercenaries attempting to overthrow the democratically-elected Sandinista government) and the U.S.

"Written communication is the most important force, as television in Nicaragua is underdeveloped, more vulnerable to biases, and as a result, ineffective," said Sanchez.

Regarding the role of satire and humour in the violent situation in Nicaragua, Sanchez commented that satire in itself is not "overwhelmingly important." However, the people Sanchez works with on the militant front do see it as being politically significant.

According to Sanchez, "caricature and humour is a vehicle, a cheap and effective means for carrying a point

across to people. In 1978, 78 per cent of the population in Nicaragua were illiterate, now it is 12 per cent. Satire is in this case especially effective for those who are learning."

On the recent imposition of censorship in Nicaragua due to the recently declared state of emergency, Sanchez said: "I cannot defend it (censorship), of course. As a journalist it would be absurd. Yet, it is a necessity and must be put in the context of the current situation of the country, and the direction of the government."

According to Sanchez, the censorship is a transitory measure. "Until February 4th of this year, only military information was censored. However, now there is more. This increase in censorship is in direct response to increases in U.S.-backed contra attacks (on the Nicaraguan civilian popula-

tion). It has to work in proportion to rising threats of insurrection," Sanchez said.

He clarified the situation further, saying the censorship was only implemented after four bridges were destroyed by the contras. The censorship was in response to the threat of insurgent mercenary groups.

"The U.S. recognizes its paternity with the counter-revolution. Yet, even though it is planned in U.S. congress, people still believe it is a civil war," added Sanchez.

Sanchez also pointed out that the key difference between commercial press in Nicaragua and North America is that censorship in Nicaragua is a nationally recognized policy, whereas in North America it is dictated by the judgement of the publisher, editor, and big advertisers. In

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Referenda pass

by Lisa Bernstein

The CFRM and debt repayment referenda both passed by a large margin on Wednesday and Thursday, October 30th and 31st. Voter turnout was larger than is usually expected for McGill Students' Society elections.

The CFRM referendum, which asked students to approve a \$2 fee to facilitate the student radio station's attempt to get an FM licence from the

CRTC, passed 1309 to 719, with 73 no opinion and 7 spoiled ballots, for a total of 2108 votes cast.

The results of the referendum for a \$10 debt repayment fee were 1242 in favor, 771 against, 133 no opinion and 12 spoiled, for a total of 2158 votes.

CFRM's fee levy is pending the result of the station's licence application. Should the application be turned down, all fees levied would be returned to students.

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Fighting Apartheid from inside

by Brendan Weston

Early this month, Kate Philip, an editor with the South Africa Student Press Union (SASPU) and the 84-85 president of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) visited the Daily in advance of her speech at McGill this Tuesday evening. Currently on a speaking tour of Québec universities, Philip is sensitizing students to the situation of Black and White students in South Africa, and the role of support North American students can have.

Daily: How does NUSAS fit into the student movement in South Africa?

Philip: NUSAS is one of three progressive student organizations in South Africa. It is non-racial, but based on white students. AZASO, the Azaian Student Organization is composed of Black university students, while the Congress of South African Students is based on Black high school students. All three are allied in support of the United Democratic Front, on the basis of its freedom charter, the policy document of the (outlawed) African National Congress.

Daily: What is the role of students in South Africa's struggle for progress?

Philip: It has in many circumstances been student protest which has been the catalyst in the resistance. We've been the only organization banned since the state of emergency, which reflects the level of militancy. Further, more than half of all prisoners are from NUSAS, and several student leaders, such as Sipho Mutsi and Nunu Kheswa, have recently died in detention. Daily: Could you describe education in South Africa?

Philip: Well, first of all, it's segregated. As official policy, Whites are trained for power and privilege, management and professional positions. Blacks are trained purely for roles as a cheap labour pool. Ex-Prime Minister J. Allister was quoted as saying "What's the point of teaching Blacks math when they'll never get a chance to use it in the workplace?"

Daily: What are the demands of students, as put forth in the Education Charter Campaign?

Philip: We want all schools and workers to discuss what education should be and to draw up a charter which is both non-racial and democratic, so all people learn skills to serve society as a whole, and not just private industry.

In the short term, we want the right to democratic association, and an end to corporal punishment. According to a Soweto survey, several students are admitted to hospital every week after corporal punishment. We want access to textbooks, where now there is often only one text per one hundred students, and no pens, desks, or blackboards. We want an end to sexual harassment, where students no longer face expulsion if they fail to submit to rape, or pregnancy if they do. And we want better access to education. Most Blacks receive no education before the age of eight because the authorities say there is no room.

Daily: Could you explain the prefect system?

Philip: The principal chooses students to enforce the rules for privilege, but students want student representatives. The first strategy was to ask the principal. That failed. Next they tried to form parent committees. That failed too. Finally



South African Student Press editor, Kate Philip.

they organized a boycott, and over one million students have been participating.

Daily: But effective opposition is met with increased repression.

Philip: In January, 1985, during a student mass meeting in a schoolyard, the principal called the police. They drove a land-rover into the crowd, crushing 13 year-old Emma Sathege to death against the gates. The NUSAS secretary, Jabu Khumalo, was found shot and kicked to death by police.

Daily: How are boycotts a more successful tactic?

Philip: During boycotts students organize political

education classes on campus to teach the history of the South African liberation movement, and other struggles. For many students the only future with the present government is as one of the 50 per cent unemployed or as exploited labour. Many leave to join ANC army school in Tanzania, rather than accept a situation where the average worker supports eleven people on their wages.

The situation has become a battleground. Police shoot on people who boycott. There is a cycle of funerals — an average of eight people per weekend, with around 50,000 people attending. Its virtually the only form of legal protest available.

Daily: It must be impossible to report on these events amid such extensive legal and para-legal repression.

Philip: In the Police Act it is an offence to publish anything which casts the police in a bad light. The State of emergency gives power to the minister to limit publication to what is released. It is an offence to pass on any information on any act by any member of the police until it has been released, punishable by up to ten years imprisonment. They have complete indemnity.

On the first day of the state of emergency, white activists were targeted. My flat was ransacked, but I wasn't there.

Daily: Haven't the laws always been that repressive?

Philip: It was never possible to publicize all police actions, but previously people could learn through the reporting on trials.

Daily: We hear about new cosmetic reforms to the system of Apartheid, amid reports of mounting violence. Many people here are struck by this apparent paradox.

Philip: Repression and reform go hand in hand. They aren't introducing reforms because they want to, or because they believe Apartheid is wrong. They introduce reform purely due to economic and political pressure

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Redmen soccer team stung

by Edward Leachman

McGill's seemingly invincible soccer team was stung 2-1 by the Concordia Stingers in the Québec University Athletic Association (QUAA) playoff at Molson Stadium, Oct. 27.

The loss marked the first time in six seasons that McGill has failed to capture the QUAA soccer crown. However, the Red and White finished the regular season with an unblemished 8-0-2 record. Their 49-game regular season undefeated streak will carry over to next season.

Five Redmen were named to the 11-member QUAA All-Star team: goalie Aldo Braccio, defender Mike Grey, midfielders Mark Noe and Louis Konstantopoulos and forward Peter Ellement; McGill's

Gordie Gow was named QUAA Coach of the Year.

Hockey team begins league play

by Earl Zukerman

The Redmen recently tied Western 1-1 and dropped a 6-3 decision (including two empty-net goals) to the Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks, Oct. 26-27.

Following seven non-conference games against Ontario-based universities, the Redmen (4-2-1) began conference play with games against Trois-Rivières and Ottawa this weekend.

They will host Chicoutimi at McConnell Winter Stadium this Friday (19h30) and travel to New Haven, Conn., for a game with Yale University on Saturday.

Football team eaten alive

by Peter Andrews

McGill's varsity football team suffered their third consecutive blow-out, Oct. 26, coming up on the short end of a 34-0 score to the Bishop's University Gaiters. The loss eliminated McGill, 1-5, from the playoffs.

"It's hard to explain," explained Pat Sheahan, the team's offensive coordinator. "Bishop's was a hungry football team and we had a complete breakdown, offensively and defensively."

The Red and White ended their disappointing season with a game against the upstart University of Ottawa Gee Gees at Molson Stadium this past Saturday.

RVH cuts hurt

by Chris Lawson

After their third picket in as many weeks, Royal Victoria Hospital workers are approaching a compromise with the hospital administration.

The workers are protesting the hospital's trend in recent years of cutting jobs. For three weeks now, the workers have been picketing on their lunch hour.

Union local president, Raymond LaPointe spoke positively of negotiations, currently underway with the hospital's labour relations staff.

The union has won concessions in the form of bonuses paid to workers who chose early retirement and increases in wages paid to part-time workers.

LaPointe could not reveal exact figures as the union and the hospital have yet to reach a final agreement.

LaPointe's major concern is for the part-time workers and ensuring they get a fair deal from the administration. "It's not for fun that they are working part-time. They need the

money, they need the job."

The RVH administration has placed a moratorium on hiring and firing. This new-found job security is of little consolation to the members of LaPointe's union. They will have to deal, LaPointe states, with an increased workload, much of which will be unfamiliar.

LaPointe is quick to point out that despite the compromises the cutback problem still exists. Contrary to a statement made by RVH representative Réal Gagne in Monday's Daily, LaPointe believes that the quality of service at RVH will decline as a result of employment cutbacks.

"I've been a nursing orderly for twenty-four years," LaPointe said, "and I can tell you about nursing care and what it takes."

The dispute has widened the rift between the administration and the employees. Says LaPointe: "They look at the budget, see where they can save money by firing some people and they make the cut. They don't look to see who they are affecting."

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Helping Latin America's street kids

The streets of Lima, Peru are home to 300,000 of them. Young, tough and streetwise, these are the 'street kids' who, for about four cents will guard your car, shine your shoes or sell you candy or cigarettes. A common sight in cities throughout Latin America, their numbers are growing; some international agencies estimate that about 40 million children ranging in age from three to fifteen now work and live on the streets of cities from Argentina to Mexico. Rapid urbanization, the deterioration of social and economic conditions and the mass migration of peasant farmers to the cities are some of the factors directly responsible for this phenomenon. Faced with the economic realities of triple digit inflation, growing unemployment and government spending cuts, local authorities are often helpless in trying to deal with this dramatic problem.

The Canadian Save the Children Fund (CANSAVE), a non-governmental agency helping third world communities build a better future for their children, is deeply concerned by the growing numbers of street children vulnerable to all kinds of exploitation and physical abuse. Solutions must be found to help these children who lack basic access to education, health care and adequate nutrition. But effective solutions will not be found in an institutional approach. "Orphanages and reform schools don't work," explained CANSAVE-Peru Director, Andrew Ignatieff, during a recent visit to Montréal. "They're very expensive to operate and above all they don't correspond to the needs of kids who have been on their own for years." CANSAVE-Peru favors a more 'open' approach and supports a center where children can eat and sleep and receive basic instruction in arithmetic, reading and writing and training in the production of articles they can sell on the street. The center offers children protection from violence and an opportunity to learn new skills but they are free to come and go as they please in order to continue to earn their own living. Ignatieff, whose involvement in the street kids project started a year and a half ago, told volunteers in Montréal, "We have to stop having all these sentimental ideas about children. In Peru, three year old girls in rural areas are taking care of the family's alpacas and in the cities, these young children are being initiated to life on the streets by their older brothers and sisters. Children have to be seen as the participants and not just the beneficiaries of any project."

In Peru, CANSAVE is working with children to help them build a better future for themselves and eventually for their own children. In Canada, volunteers work in partnership with these children and with children, their families and their communities in twenty developing countries around the world by raising funds, and by increasing public awareness of the lives lead by hundreds of millions of children who lack access to the most basic necessities of life. Those interested in obtaining more information about CANSAVE projects and becoming volunteers are invited to an information meeting, **November 7 at 4:30 at the Leacock Building, Rm 308.**

Listen to me a 30 minute long video describing the lives of several Peruvian street children will be shown at this meeting. Everyone is welcome!

Susan Maruya
CANSAVE volunteer

WUSC offers opportunity

For five weeks during the summer of 1984, 30 Canadian students participated in a francophone research seminar held in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Every student was embarked upon an independent research project and experienced a foreign cultural environment while entertaining numerous questions pertaining to their research proposal. I was looking at internal migrations and the problem of unequal population growth between urban and rural areas. Many research topics are possible as long as they do not address directly politically sensitive issues.

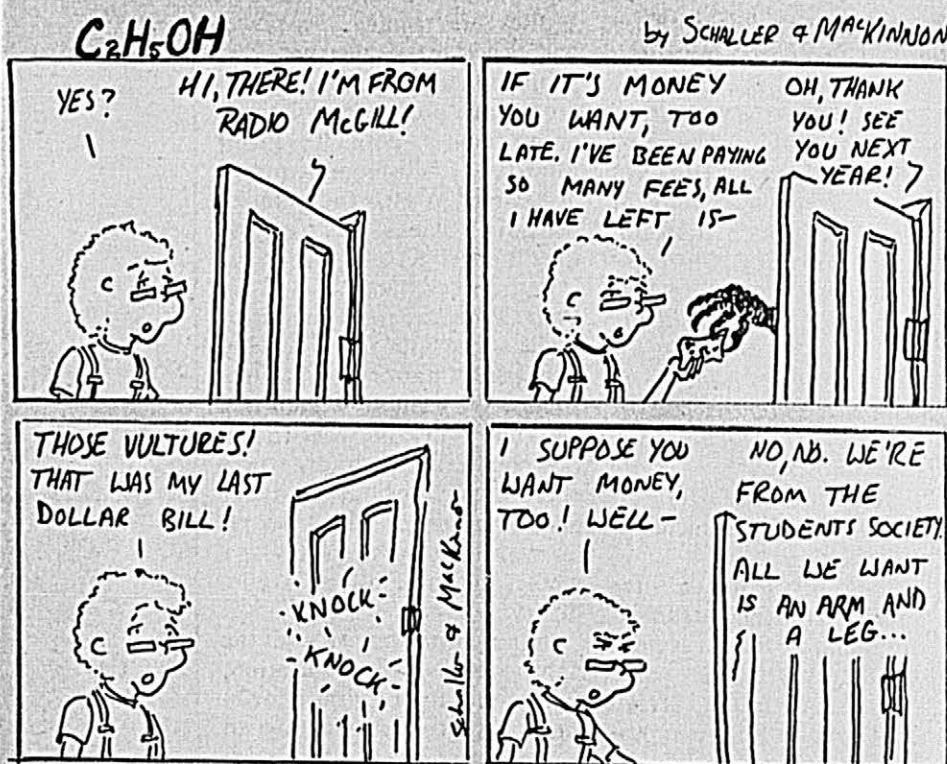
I write this article to inform students who are full-time students and have a working knowledge of French, who have discovered a sense of adventure in themselves and a sensitivity to third world problems that they are eligible to participate in the 1986 WUSC seminar to the Mauritius Islands in the Indian Ocean.

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a non-governmental organization, based in Ottawa, which supports public education about developmental problems through a network of University-based groups and is actively involved in development projects in the field. The seminar has been an important component of the public education programme of WUSC. WUSC is partly funded by CIDA and so is the seminar; students are also asked to obtain support in their communities to contribute financially towards their seminar.

The McGill WUSC Committee will be glad to provide information to interested candidates and share different seminar experiences that many of us have had — Ecuador, Egypt, Haiti and most recently Thailand.

For more information please contact Grace Pold at 937-3457.

Patrick Brodeur
Islamic Studies



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Daily on display

For too long, the *McGill Daily* has been perceived by many students to be a "base-ment clique," a closed organization that they have no power over. But, this is not true. All students who pay a fee to the Daily Publications Society (all of you) have the right to join the newspaper, become a voting staff member, and direct the editorial policy of the newspaper. Even if you don't have enough time to contribute to the newspaper concretely, you have the right to come down to the *Daily* office and give us any story ideas you may have (i.e. what's happening in your faculty or department, etc.) or general issues you would like to see the *Daily* cover. You can always come down to the basement and tell us what you think of the newspaper, argue with us, or whatever. We would appreciate any comments you may have.

The problem in the past has been that few students have actually braved room B-03 of the Union Building (the *Daily* office) to give us their ideas and opinions. To make ourselves more accessible to students, we will be setting up tables in different buildings on the McGill campus to answer any questions students have about the newspaper.

Starting today, *Daily* staffers and members of the Daily Publications Society's Board of Directors, will be staffing tables in different buildings on a rotating basis. This will continue throughout the rest of the academic year.

The following is a list of dates, times, and places where you can find us for the rest of this semester:

- Today: Leacock Bldg., 11:30 to 1:30
- Thursday, Nov.7: Bronfman Bldg., 12 to 2 pm.
- Monday, Nov.11: McIntyre Bldg., 11:30 to 1:30
- Thursday, Nov.14: McConnell Engineering Bldg., 12 to 2 pm.
- Monday, Nov.18: Law Bldg., 11:30 to 1:30

- Thursday, Nov.21: Union Bldg., 12 to 2 pm.
- Monday, Nov.25: Burnside Hall, 11:30 to 1:30

Help us help Nicaragua

Since the U.S. embargo of Nicaragua, *Barricada*, the Sandinista daily, has been running out of supplies needed in order to publish. *Barricada* desperately needs typesetting and assembly equipment, as well as spare parts for its typesetting equipment.

The *Daily's* typesetting equipment, like *Barricada's*, is made by Compugraphic, an American-based firm. Due to the embargo, *Barricada* has not received supplies from Compugraphic.

The *Daily* wants to send Compugraphic typesetting supplies to *Barricada* on the next Tools for Peace boat. In order to do so, we need your help. So far, among penniless *Daily* staffers alone, we have raised \$106. But we need much more money to send the supplies *Barricada* needs. We need a total of \$248 to send just one box of three-inch film paper for the typesetting machine. We also need to raise \$268 to buy fonts (typesets) for *Barricada*. In the future, we would like to raise money for more supplies, until the embargo is over.

To do this, we need your help. If you would like to donate any money towards keeping the national daily newspaper of Nicaragua alive, please come down to the *Daily* office (room B-03, Union Bldg.) and give your donations to Anna or Melinda. The *Daily*, numerous Central America support groups, Tools for Peace, and, above all, *Barricada*, would sincerely appreciate your help.

If you want more information about this, please phone 392-8955 or drop by the office. Thanks.

Anna Asimakopulos
Melinda Wittstock

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New Caledonia fights colonial repression

by Nadine Grant

The world remembers Algeria as one of the most bloody and protracted independence struggles in history. The deeply entrenched French settler population clung desperately to the colony as Algerian natives fought for self-determination.

Almost 20 years later, France still clings to its colonial territories. But this time, it is New Caledonia, a small island in the South Pacific, which is gnawing away the colonial bit.

Like Algeria, New Caledonia has a large French settler population — one third of the island's people. As it did in Algeria, France has sent in a large armed force to defend the interest of its citizens in New Caledonia, who want to keep the island tightly under the grip of the French puppet government.

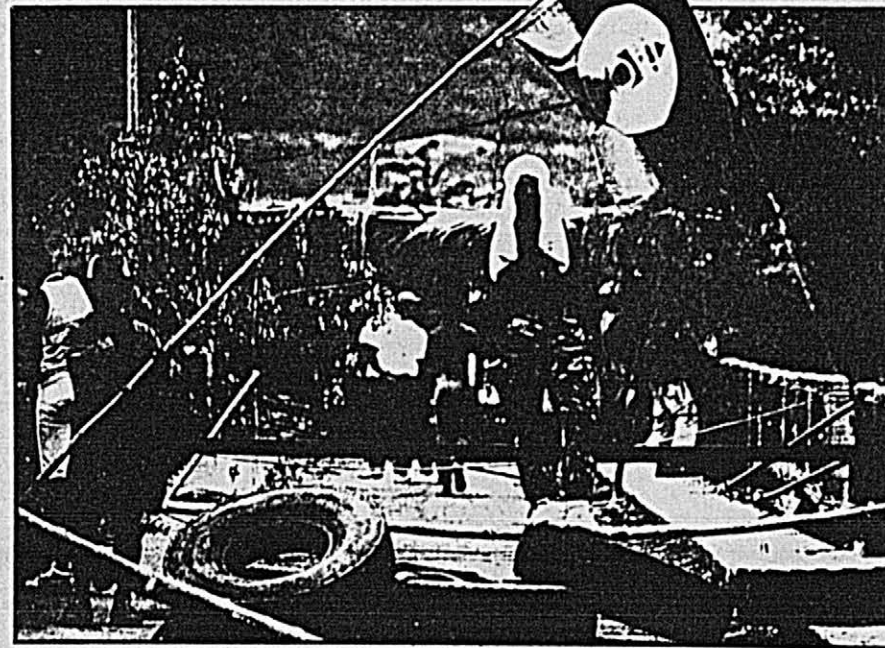
The conflict between those for and against independence has been mounting over the past year. As tensions rise, the capital city of Noumea has been ravaged by perpetual bombings, riots, and demonstrations as freedom fighters make their cause known.

The Melanesians of New Caledonia, known as Kanaks, are now demanding immediate liberation from the French and want to form an independent state. The success in 1981 of the left in France brought hope of improvements and independence to the natives. They now feel betrayed by the French Socialist Party for not fulfilling its 1981 promise.

New Caledonia is a small island territory 800 miles east of Australia. The land of the native Melanesians was

The island is roughly divided into the rich western region of the Europeans and the poor eastern region of the Melanesians. In Noumea, a petty Melanesian bourgeoisie grows along side its Europeans counterparts.

The Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS), an umbrella organisation for separatist groups, was formed in order to end these economic,



political and racial injustices. It uses techniques such as boycotting elections, demonstrating, and rioting to mobilise the population.

According to the FLNKS, voting should be restricted to permanent residents who have at least one parent

defenders of colonial interests.

To stop the violence, Edward Fisan, a special envoy dispatched by French President Mitterand to New Caledonia, declared a state of emergency in January 1985.

France now has 6,000 police and soldiers in New Caledonia which has a population of only 145,000 — that is one soldier for every 24 inhabitants.

Not all Kanaks approved of Machero's violent ways. Like several other Kanaks he had been in Libya seeking Colonel Qaddafi's support and planned to take over part of New Caledonia by force. Machero's successor, Jean-Marie Tjibou, is more moderate and has

a referendum unless the question is decided only by Melanesians, the islands original inhabitants.

Relative calm returned to the island after the recent elections of September 29 in which FLNKS participated. Although the FLNKS won in all the rural regions, it lost in the crucial densely populated and predominately white southern region of Noumea. The overwhelming victory of the loyalists there outweighed the separatist stronghold in the rest of the island.

With those against independence in power, loyalist and ex-president Dick Ukeiwé, believes that the nightmare of the past year is almost over and "La France éternelle revient."

Yeiwéné Yeiwéné, FLNKS president of the country's eastern region says that the French gendarmes no longer intimidate the population. He says that his party will be in a better position to boycott next year's independence referendum.

It is true that a relative stability exists now but no government can guarantee that electoral consultations won't bring back disorder and violence.

In the meantime, the FLNKS will be hard at work trying to persuade the native population not to vote in what they consider an illegitimate referendum. Violent demonstrations and rioting may result in further impositions of curfews and states of emergency.

Independence will be granted eventually, as both France and the RPCR loyalists see that the present political structure is impractical. The debate, though, is over what form the country will take after independence.

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France's interest in keeping the island as a strategic military base will inevitably create strong neo-colonial ties not to mention increase the threat of war and nuclear pollution.

This tiny island in the South Pacific actually plays an important role in the regional alliance structure. Observers wait to see if New Caledonia will follow New Zealand's anti-nuclear line or takes Australia's more lenient approach.

The struggle for 'Independent Kanaky' is more than a belated example

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stolen by colonists in 1853, forcing the agricultural societies out of the fertile valleys and into reserves.

The Melanesian people, found also in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuata, are known for their strong ties with the land. This cultural trait explains the Melanesians' determination to fight for the repossession of their islands.

Today, the Melanesians are a minority in New Caledonia, comprising only 43 per cent of the total population. Due to the discovery of nickel about a hundred years ago, many Europeans were attracted to the island. Today, that group makes up 35 per cent of the island's population. The fact that Melanesians are a minority distinguishes New Caledonia from other anti-colonial movements of the past.

New Caledonia's economy had been hurt by the recent drop in world demand for its major export, nickel. A high inflation rate, a fishing crisis, a coffee repression, and youth unemployment are factors that exclude Melanesians from the economic life of the country.

The living conditions — housing, roads, education and health services — are astonishingly poor in the rural areas. The stagnant economy and the atrocious standard of living have made unrest worse.

born in New Caledonia. Under the existing law, any six month resident including French citizens can vote.

For this reason, the FLNKS boycotted the November 18, 1984 elections, resulting in an atypically low election turnout. As whites were virtually the only ones voting the result was a sweeping victory for the anti-independence movement headed by Jacques Lafleur's *Rassemblement pour la Calédonie dans la République* (RPCR).

By blocking roads, attacking police stations, and sabotaging mines, the Kanaks proved that it could virtually paralyze the island outside Noumea. By blocking production of the nickel mine, the Kanaks were able to get 17 militants released from jail.

The assaults on whites and burning of white homes brought a violent backlash from the loyalists. On December 5, 1984, ten Kanaks were killed in an ambush on the east coast by a group of Caledoches (local white farmers). These murders increased FLNKS support by providing martyrs for their movement.

Eloi Machero, the most militant of the independence leaders, was killed on January 12 of this year by French police in retaliation for the shooting of a French teenager purportedly by a Kanak gunman. The Machero incident destroyed the peacekeeping image of French soldiers, branding them

a broader appeal.

According to Tjibou, Pisani can no longer be seen as a neutral arbiter and his gradual independence plan has lost all credibility. Pisani wants New Caledonia to become independent while leaving France with jurisdiction over the new state's police force to guarantee the rights of its settlers.

Pisani wants to maintain close ties with the new state so that France can establish an important military base on the island. According to a French High Commissioner, the air and naval base would be a hub of French strategic operations in the Pacific. The base would operate much like the US base in



the Philippines which the superpower rents from its former colony. The French military base is expected to be held on a 99 year lease.

The French have proposed a referendum on the question of independence for March 1986 in which New Caledonia of all origins will vote. The Kanaks, however, say they won't accept

of a world wide phenomenon of anti-colonial nationalism. The outcome will have repercussions in Cold War politics involving South Pacific, France, and the superpowers.

A struggle on the same scale as Algeria seems unlikely, yet the importance of this small island cannot be denied.

...Sandinista cartoonist on press' role in Nicaragua

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North America, 'censorship' is very subtle.

He also emphasized that Nicaragua is actually in a state of emergency due to the contra attacks, and that "foreign aggressors threatening the safety of your country drastically affect your press."

In response to a question about popular views of the revolution in Nicaragua, Sanchez opened the July 19th issue of *Barricada*. The centrespread showed the sixth anniversary rally of the revolution, with over one million in attendance in Managua, Nicaragua's capitol city. Sanchez pointed out that the entire population of Nicaragua, after the thousands killed in the revolution, is less than three million.

"There are many reasons for such a high attendance", said Sanchez, "This year has been economically harsh. The people have a desire and vision to escape war. Most see the government as the only chance for doing that. They are tired of being out of work, and seeing their compañeros die at the

hands of the contras." Sanchez also pointed out that many countries claim to be 'democratic', yet none have had such a rally.

When asked about the beginnings of *Barricada* after the revolution, Sanchez said the

newspaper basically started from nothing. "There were no journalists, and relatively no information regarding journalism."

"Our editor-in-chief was a school teacher, our senior news editor was a shoe-maker, and

the director had previously worked for a radio station," said Sanchez. It is interesting to note that the editor of *Barricada*, Carlos Chamorro, is a McGill graduate.

With 80 per cent of the population younger than 30,

and 15 per cent between 15 and 17, the hardest part has been getting respect as professional writers," Sanchez added.

He also said *Barricada* serves as the newspaper of the front (Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional or FSLN), not the government persay. He emphasized that there is a distinction, in purpose and popular allegiance, between the government and the front.

Sanchez' main point was that everything in Nicaragua today is geared towards fighting the war of aggression conducted by the U.S.-backed contras.

Most of Nicaragua's 18 to 20 year olds (male and female) are fighting in the Sandinista front. As long as this is the case, the number of graduating doctors and other professionals will rapidly decrease, Sanchez added.

"People are ready to lose time, money, and lives to build a future. Those who are now fighting for the revolution are of a new, young generation. In Somoza's time, they were 10 or 12. Now they are asking the people from that generation for help," concluded Sanchez.

...fighting from the inside

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from the the Black townships and the ANC. Of all the reforms they've introduced, not one has given one iota of political power to the Black population. They are simply developing a more sophisticated way of maintaining political control.

Daily: Often we get the impression from our media that violence in South Africa is random and out of control.

Phillip: In the South African Press you read that students burnt the principal's car, and it appears like excess violence. But the reason is that for six months students had been forced to contribute to a fund for science

equipment they couldn't afford and which didn't appear. It was discovered the principal had taken the money to buy a car. In a context where two-thirds of Black kids under the age of three die of malnutrition, this anger must be considered a natural response.

Daily: Do you consider divestment an effective measure against Apartheid?

Phillip: There is no question that Apartheid is hurting the South African government, and that the majority support it (divestment). During the three-day general strike in November 1984, 85 per cent of the people stayed out. But it's called 'economic sabotage' (in South

Africa) to support divestment abroad.

Kate Phillip will be speaking at McGill tomorrow in the Union Ballroom at 20h00. Her tour of Québec universities was sponsored by the Centre d'information et de documentation sur le Mozambique et l'Afrique Australe, Association Nationale des étudiant(e)s du Québec, Presse Etudiantes de Québec, Rassemblement Autonome des Jeunes (RAJ), Canadian University Students Overseas (CUSO), Développement et Paix, Association Québécois de coopération internationale, and the McGill South Africa Committee.

letters

Israel defended

To The Daily:

We take exception to Melinda Wittstock's article 'Israel leads in terror exports.' Ms Wittstock has neither written an objective report, nor has she presented both sides of a very serious issue. Rather her article seems to be a blatant attack against the state of Israel.

Firstly, the headline implies that Israel ranks first in the world in the sale of military hardware. This statement is 'clarified' in paragraph three where Ms Wittstock unequivocally states that Israel is really the 'third largest military exporter in the world.' For an article which quotes sources on many pieces of statistical information, it is strange that this fact, which is central to the article, has no source at all. And with respect to sources, the ones chosen by Ms Wittstock are dubious at best. Noam Chomsky, while being a brilliant psycho-linguist, is not an authority on Israel by any stretch of the imagination.

Moreover, phrases such as 'profiteer from the present holocaust', 'exploit an oppress the majority' and 'exports of destruction' demonstrate the sensationalistic nature of Ms Wittstock's article not to mention the insinuation of an obvious anti-Israeli bias.

The bias of the article becomes more apparent with reference to the choice of pictures used. The picture on page seven is unclear as to its connection with the story other than the fact that there are soldiers in it. Obviously *The Daily* does not know how to properly place captions under pictures so as to tell the reader what he is actually seeing. A picture such as this with its superimposed slogans is an insult to the intelligence of the reader. In addition, the subliminal-like image of the fists and guns on page eight is more suited to propaganda pamphlets.

Near the end of the article, Ms Wittstock's views become crystal clear. She claims that: Its (Israel's) role as an arms exporter par excellence will continue as long as Israel insists on maintaining the territories it

gained in the 1967 war.

This statement is irrelevant to the article. We are baffled at the connection between the post-1967 territories and the arms issue. Are we to assume that should Israel return the territories it will cease to export arms or will Ms Wittstock merely stop writing articles against Israel?

A newspaper, especially one which is subsidized by all students, exists to inform and to at least attempt to present objective articles. Editorializing and opinion have no place in newspapers other than in clearly marked editorial or commentary sections. In future, we would appreciate that journalists' opinions remain separate from their reporting and that commentary be reserved for sections in *The Daily* which plainly indicate their presence.

Solomon's Court
Gordon Levine
U1 North American Studies
Neil Rabinovitch
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Jason Rosenthal
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Ed. Note: According to the *Daily's* letter policy, we will not print a letter of more than 300 words. In the case of the above letter, we felt that as discussing a contentious issue on campus, it should be given space. However, we do not want to set a precedent for lengthy letters; please keep your letters under the 300 word limit.

Article defended

To the Daily:

I am writing this letter, not only because I respect and applaud your courage in writing the article entitled "Israel leads in terror exports", but because I only guess at the kind of harassment you must now be suffering. Your article was very well researched and factually-based, and I doubt that anyone could honestly dispute your facts. Moreover, most of these facts are well-known to those of us who make an effort to be well-informed. The question which must be asked re-

mains whether responsible and humane people can continue to be silenced through intimidation, be it moral, psychological or other. In North America, Israel is the closest we have to a sacred cow; anyone who dares criticize it is really asking for trouble. This does not seem to me to be compatible with the no-



tion of democracy, where people must access to accurate information in order to make responsible decisions. Furthermore, it is one thing to be outraged and shocked at the brutality of Nazi acts against Jews, and quite another to allow modern-day Zionists to silence criticism and protest against equally brutal acts perpetrated upon the poorest, most helpless and vulnerable people in the world.

It is easy to join those who do not 'rock the boat', who feel it is more appropriate to protest the massacres of over forty years ago than those which are taking place today. But easy was never a synonym for right. For all those whose blood is soaking the earth and who are conveniently, albeit tacitly, categorized as 'disposable people' a small but positive step was taken in your article. My hat is off to your courage and good heart. Keep up the struggle and don't let them shut you up.

Ines Tewfik
Arts U3

Editorial generalized

To the Daily:

After reading your editorial *Not a Love Song* last Monday, and all the reactions and letters subsequently printed, I must say a few things:

1. The claim that the handbook was "handed out to all new male

engineering students" is false. As was correctly printed in the French *Daily*, the book was sold as part of a kit for all new engineering students, male and female.

2. The book is not "meant to reinforce the cult of the penis" as you say. The book is printed so that new engineering students who want to, can learn the words to some engineering songs with ease.

3. Generalized hate of any group as a whole is wrong. Therefore, misogyny is wrong, just as it is wrong to generalize engineers the way your article does. Believe it or not, we are much like other students at McGill; we go to class, we drink beer, and we don't plan gangbangs over lunch.

4. To think that an engineer's behaviour will be affected by the words of these songs is stretching it. These songs are popular for their ludicrous subject. As Maurice McInley said, "I just like it for its shock value."

George Locke
B.Eng U2

It's hard to say good-biased

To The Daily:

When any report is given, it is important to present an unbiased point of view. If there are conflicting views, then it is important to give both sides equal time and equal representation. To do what I have stated above is only fair and just.

An overwhelming common misconception is that the American and Canadian media always report in an unbiased and fair manner. The fact is that the North American media does indeed engage in biased reporting. But to admit to this would be admitting that the North American media is like the Russian (sic) media which attempts to control and brainwash its citizens.

We see biased reporting in the issues of Nicaragua and Israel. The Sandinista government of Nicaragua is often criticized and portrayed as being the oppressor of the Nicaraguan people. This is not the case. The Sandinistas were responsible for the overthrow of the Somoza dictatorship which was the true oppressor of the Nicaraguan people. Concerning the Middle East, the media is quick to label the Palestinian Liberation Organization as "terrorists" while it never labels Israel as a "terrorist state" when it commits acts of terrorism. In fact, the amount of PLO terrorism is quite modest when compared to Israeli terrorism. Terrorist acts committed recently by Israel include the hijacking of ships sailing from Cyprus to Lebanon, the jailing of Palestinians without trial and the bulldozing of Palestinian homes while those committed in the past include frequent air strikes resulting in the deaths of civilians; the attack on the nearly completed nuclear power plant in Iraq, and the deaths of over ten thousand Palestinians and Lebanese civilians during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Only when reporting is unbiased and fair will the truth be known. Until then, we are doomed to the same type of biased reporting which prevails in Russia.

Paul Paconey

classifieds

Ads may be placed through the Daily, Room 803, Student Union Building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deadline is 2:00 p.m. two weekdays prior to publication.
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374 — PERSONAL

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events

MONDAY
4 November

GALOM: general meeting (please all come), 18h, Union 425. Info: 392-8912.

Rainbow Women's Week: Literary Exhibition, kiosque on Immigrant Women presented by the Collectif des femmes immigrantes. 10h-14h. Discussion: "La situation socio-economique de la femme immigrante" Speaker: Adriana Nunez, l'Hirondelle-comité d'accueil inter-ethnique. 15h30-17h30, Union 425-426.

Central America Group: potluck supper / general meeting. 19h30, Victoria's, 84 Farmount W., N° 5. Info: 271-5304.

McGill Student Pugwash: (co-sponsored by the Lawyers for Social Responsibility) Robert W. Reford (President of the Canadian United Nations Association) on "Banning new weapons before they're invented." 19h30, Leacock 26. Info: 286-1019.

Anthropology Students' Association: Informal lecture by Donna Winslow on "The Ideology of Independence of New Caledonia." 12h, 3434 McTavish.

Debating Union: regular meeting. BIRT welfare recipients should be forced to work. 18h, Union 310. Info: 392-8909.

Network Alternatives: Film night, "El Norte." 21h, The Alley. Info: 392-8976.

TUESDAY
5 November

Guy Fawkes Day: Activities planned in front of various legislature buildings. Bring your own whatever.

South Africa Committee: Formation of November 18 Protest Committee: letting the BoG know that its time is up. All welcome. 16h, Union 302.

Rainbow Women's Week: Film: "One of Many: Dr. Nhan." Documentary on the life of Dr. Nhan, immigrant women from Viet Nam. 12h, Union 107-108. Discussion: "The treatment of the Black experience in Canadian education." Speaker: Thokozile Chitepo, Respondent: Prof. Ratna Ghosh. 16h30, Union 425-426.

Arab Students' Association: general assembly. 18h, Union 310. Info: 937-3644.

Project Ploughshares: meeting — self-immolation as a cure for migraines & insomnia. 17h, Union 107-108. Info: 274-4714.

Savoy Society: Full rehearsal for men and women. 19h, Union 302. Info: 392-8983.

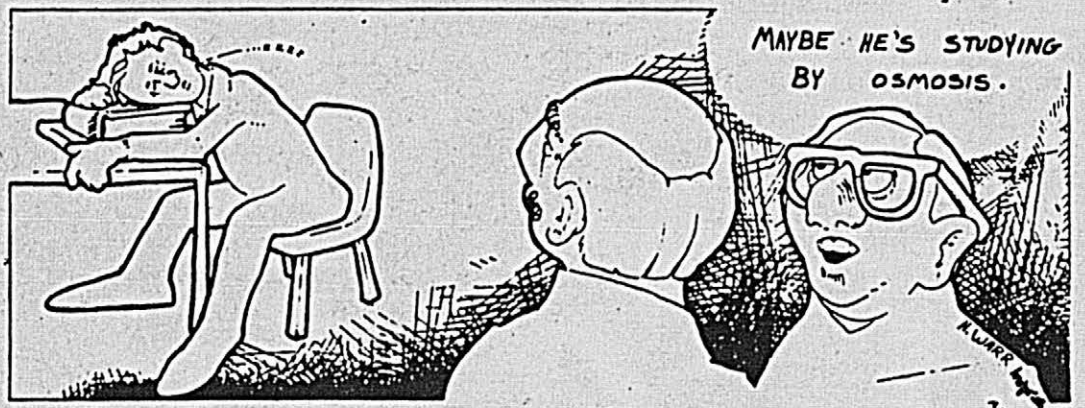
McGill "Lithuania" Club: meeting and mini-party. 17h, 3581 University (Sigma Chi Frat.) Info: 767-4690.

Chaplaincy: Drop in at Newman Centre, 10h-12h, 3484 Peel. Info: 392-5890. Living Our Faith Group, discussion group. 12h-13h, 3484 Peel (Newman Centre). Info: 392-5890.

Religious Studies Students' Association: 3rd talk in a series of 8. "Sikhism." 13h, 3520 University (Birks Bldg.)

McGill Young Alumni present Sid Stevens, Coordinator General of Crime Prevention for the city of Montréal, who will speak on *Crime and You*, 20h00, Lea 232. No charge. Info: 392-4816.

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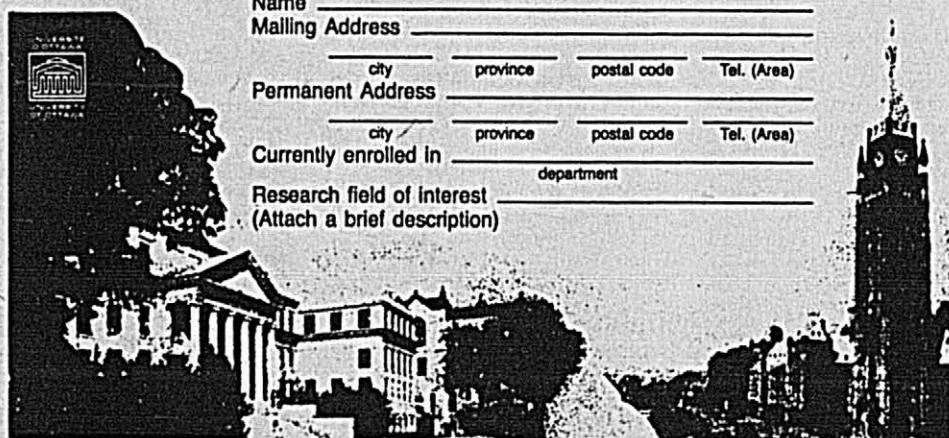
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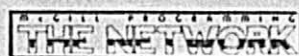
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